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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.